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Appl. No : 10/645,573
Applicant : Cantave et al.
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Title : Dishwasher With Shielded Dispenser

TC/A.U. : 1746
Examiner : M. Kornakov

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COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

On December 29, 2006, the Examiner presented a Notice of Allowance in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application. With an accompanying Notice of Allowability, the Examiner provided a reasons for allowance which outlined certain claim limitations and indicated that claims 1-17 were allowed over the prior art of record based on these limitations. However, allowed independent claims 1, 4 and 9 have different overall limitations. As the outlined claim limitations are considered to more closely track claim 1, these comments are being submitted. In any case, in addition to the distinctions raised by the Examiner, the overall limitations of claims 4 and 9 are distinguishing for at least the reasons of record. For instance, the Applicant submits that none of the prior art teaches a shield member that is mounted for pivotable movement

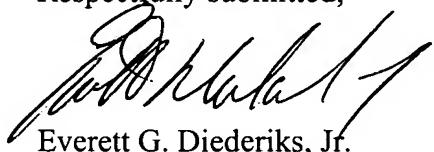
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relative to the housing between a shielding position and a loading position as required by independent claim 4, or a shield member extending across at least a portion of the dispensing assembly directly adjacent the lid and providing the lid with unobstructed movement between closed and dispensing positions as required by claim 9.

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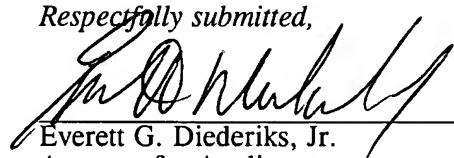
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